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SUBJECT: MGHH01: HURRICANE MONITORING GROUP SITUATION  
REPORT NO. 05

IKE CATEGORY 4 OVER THE BAHAMAS, HEADING TOWARDS CUBA

1. (SBU) Outer bands will reach the northeastern coast of Cuba September 7 with the center nearing Havana in 48 hours. Northern Haiti is experiencing tropical storm force winds and heavy rain. (MG/National Hurricane Center telcon)

HAVANA

2. (SBU) USINT Havana requests authorized departure:

-- USINT to open September 8 until 1400 EDT and will be closed September 9. (MG/USINT Havana telcon)  
-- The Cuban government declined the United States offer of a disaster assessment team, asking instead to permit the sale to Cuba of "indispensable materials" and to allow U.S. food sellers to offer credit to Cuba. (MG/National Hurricane Center telcon, MG/WHA telcon)  
-- Cuba did not address U.S. plans to disburse \$100,000 in disaster relief through NGOs. (MG/National Hurricane Center telcon, MG/WHA telcon)

TURKS AND CAICOS

13. (SBU) Reports indicate widespread damage:

-- Embassy Nassau has yet to re-establish contact with wardens, yet most AmCit tourists departed before the worst of the storm. The airport remains closed. (MG/Embassy Nassau telcon)  
-- Embassy expects an assistance request from local authorities in Turks and Caicos. (MG/Embassy Nassau telcon)

BAHAMAS

14. (SBU) Southeastern islands bear brunt of storm:

-- Bahamian Royal Defense Force strike teams were pre-deployed. Most AmCits evacuated before the storm. (MG/Embassy Nassau telcon)  
(SBU) Nassau and Freeport airports are open. If calm conditions continue, Embassy Nassau will request return of official Americans September 8. (MG/Embassy Nassau telcon)

HAITI

15. (SBU) Limited access and weather hamper efforts:

-- President Preval requested a commitment from international donors to provide immediate assistance,

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including temporary bridges and road repair, medical and food assistance, and long-term assistance for recovery of the agricultural sector. (MG/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)

-- Preval warned a lack of communication throughout the country could affect his ability to govern. (MG/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)

-- Haitian authorities report 36,000 families affected with approximately 82,600 people in shelters. Concern remains regarding victims in areas not yet reached by relief workers. (MG/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)

-- Official combined death toll for Hanna and Gustav remains at 246. (MG/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)

-- UNICEF reports all water sources in Gonaives are contaminated, raising health concerns. CDC epidemiologist to arrive September 7. (MG/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)

-- A UN convoy scheduled to reach Gonaives by road September 7 was postponed due to deteriorating weather conditions. (MG/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)

(SBU) U.S. Coast Guard helicopters ferrying supplies are grounded due to inclement weather, USS Kearsarge to arrive September 8. (MG/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BACK TO NORMAL

16. (SBU) Consular teams are returning from the north coast. (MG/Embassy Santo Domingo telcon)

17. (U) Minimize considered.

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